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SUBJECT: CONTACTING MISSION KAZAKHSTAN DURING THE MOVE FROM  
ALMATY TO ASTANA

1. (SBU) Embassy Almaty is preparing to move to Astana, pending completion of the New Embassy Compound (NEC) in Kazakhstan's capital. Although the move into the NEC will not start until September 29, many sections have already relocated to temporary offices in the Embassy Branch Office in Astana. The following is the status as of September 5.

-- The Ambassador moved to Astana on August 16. The DCM is also in Astana.

-- The majority of the Pol-Econ section is in Astana. By mid-September, the entire Pol-Econ section will have moved.

-- The PAO and IO have moved to Astana. One PD officer will remain in Almaty, at what will be known as Embassy Branch Office Almaty, with a portion of the Public Affairs section.

-- All of the OMC and half of DAO (including the DATT) are in Astana and the remainder of the DAO will move with the final transfer of the Embassy.

-- Management is now largely in Astana, but a TDY GSO will remain in Almaty through the declassification process.

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